rail link in the Western Railway on the Gauge Conversion programme; and

(b) the time by which the said work is proposed to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat and Salt Department/Govt. of India have both agreed in principle to bear part cost of conversion but their formal consent has not yet been received.

Further decision in the matter will be taken after getting the formal consent.

Guwahati Zoo

3223. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the animals in good numbers died of different ailments in Guwahati Zoo, Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry had been instituted for finding the reasons of these deaths;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to check recurrence of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The number of animals that are reported to have died in Guwahati zoo during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are 140, 145 and 89 respepctively.

(c) and (d). The cases of death of animals in Guwahati Zoo was enquired into by a committee constituted by the Dean College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati during the year 1992, and their recommendations are being followed. The causes of death reported to be are infighting injuries, senility, gastroenteritis, tuberculosis, liver infection and mycotic diseases.

(e) Following measures are being taken to curb the situation :

(i) Chemotherapy against tuberculosis and other diseases,
(ii) Improvement of hygiene and sanitation measures,
(iii) Segregation of diseased and disease free animals,
(iv) Periodic health checking of zoo attendents etc.,
(v) Quality Control of food and water supply.

Length of Rail Line in Kerala

3224. SHRI O. BHARATHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of rail line in Kerala at the time of formation of the State;

(b) the total length of rail line in the State at present; and

(c) whether the proportion of growth is less than that of the other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The total rail route kilometres in Kerala at the time of the formation of the State was 793 kms.

(b) The total route kilometres in the State as on 31.3.1995 is 1053 kms.

(c) No, Sir.

Andhra Pradesh Express

3225. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Express has only one A.C. III-T Coach;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce one or two additional A.C. - III-T coaches on A.P. Express so as to adequately accommodate current rush of the passengers; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which action is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of New Railway Stations

3226. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are taking steps for the development of new railway stations in the country particularly in Gujarat under the Western Railway till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding making arrangements of benches and water facilities and also to improve the reservation system at the railway stations located in the tribal districts of the country especially in Gujarat; and

(d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE M'NISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Five new railway stations, namely, Devaliya, Sadla, Sukhpur, Indira Nagar and Vondh, have been sanctioned on Western Railway in the State of Gujarat during 1995-96 and 1996-97 at a total estimated cost of Rs. 6.97 crore.

(c) and (d). Development and improvements of existing stations by the provision/augmentation of amenities/facilities, such as benches, drinking water, reservation facility, etc. is a continuous process and is undertaken as and when so warranted on the basis of the volume of traffic handled at the stations and subject to availability of funds and relative priorities.

Change of Grade of Railway Station

3227. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Station Gumta Taluka Jetpur, District Rajkot has been transferred from 'B' grade to 'D' grade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the impact of the said transfer;

(c) whether an agreement/understanding amongst the collector Rajkot, Public agitators and the Railway District Bhavanagar Division was reached that there would be no cut down in the facilities in carrying out transfer of the grade;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said understanding/agreement has been carried out; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Gomta Station has been converted from 'B' to 'D' class station on 15.7.93 on operational grounds and on reasons of economy with resultant saving in expenditure. The amenities at the station has been retained and there is no adverse impact on facilities enjoyed by travelling public.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The agreement stipulates that the public facilities like issue of tickets and MSTs, stoppage of Mail/Express trains as per original schedule, quota of two berths earmarked at the station would not be curtailed.

(e) and (f). All amenities/facilities for travelling public have been retained as per the agreement except for sale of season tickets. The booking clerk posted at the station for sale of tickets has, however, been withdrawn with effect from 28.4.94 due to poor offering of passenger traffic and sale of tickets is being arranged through contractor on commission basis. The quota of two berths allotted to this station has been merged with the reservation quota of Gondal Station which is merely 10 kms. away and can be easily accessed by passengers of Gomta Station.

Import List of Wastes

3228. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have finalised a modified list of wastes for import; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The Government have finalised a list of metal scrap to be allowed for free imports and those to be restricted for imports. The imports of hazardous wastes is restricted.

(b) The list of freely importable and restricted scrap is annexed as Statement. This list is notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

The import of hazardous waste is regulated under Rule 11 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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C.O. (E) :- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (No. 22 of 1992), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the IYC (RE) Clarification of Export and Import Items published on 25.3.1996, namely :

In the relevant Chapters denoted by first two digits of the Exim Codes and in their serial order appropriately there under, the following addition/amendment/substitution may be made as described in the undermentioned